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PGM Welcomes Both New and Familiar Faces in Leadership Positions

Deborah Carpenter, Director of the Charles County Department of Planning & Growth Management (PGM) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jason Groth as the new Deputy Director of the department and James Campbell as the new Planning Director for the Planning Division, a post that Groth vacates as he advances to his new role. Both begin their new roles on May 26, 2020.

Mr. Groth brings 21 years of experience with Charles County's Department of Planning & Growth Management Department. As Deputy Director of PGM, Mr. Groth will represent PGM on a wide range of matters within the county government, and initiate proposals, policies, projects and programs to improve PGM Department services. He will be responsible for executive management work, supporting the Director in managing administrative and financial functions to include budget development, administration and management of department programs. He will provide leadership, policy guidance, interagency representation, and assistance in planning, organizing and directing the operation of PGM programs and activities.

"During his time at Charles County he has established himself as a consummate professional who is highly respected by his colleagues, staff and citizens," stated Ms. Carpenter. "Jason is a valued member of our team and I am looking forward to working with him in his new role to advance initiatives that benefit the citizens of Charles County."

James Campbell will fill the role as Planning Director that Mr. Groth has vacated. Campbell brings 19 years of planning experience, including over 15 years serving as a Director. As Planning Director, Mr. Campbell will be responsible for performing management level land use, zoning, and resource and infrastructure planning for the county. Most recently, Campbell served as the Director of Planning & Development for the City of Rochester, New Hampshire. In that position, Campbell established and provided direction for short, medium, and long-range plans, worked closely with the Economic Development and Building, Zoning & Licensing Services Departments to ensure a thorough and expedient experience for customers, and directed collaboration with all relevant city, state and federal agencies to ensure success on projects.

According to Carpenter, "We are very excited to welcome Jim to the PGM family and Charles County. I am certain that his knowledge, experience and congenial demeanor will be the perfect fit for our agency." Campbell is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners.